

## St. Louis Metal Finishers Recognized for SGP Participation



Microfinish and Sullivan Precision Metal Finishing were recognized for their commitment to the Strategic Goals Program (SGP) during the November 12, 2003, meeting of the St. Louis Chapter of the American Electroplaters and Surface Finishers (AESF). Mr. Art Spratlin, Director of EPA Region 7's Air, RCRA & Toxics Division; Ms. Sara Parker, Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Outreach and Assistance Center; and Mr. Doug Mendoza of the St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) presented

certificates acknowledging their Bronze Level Achievement. The Bronze level status is presented to any St. Louis SGP participant that achieves at least 25% of the program's goals.

The Strategic Goals Program (SGP) is a national program introduced by EPA to encourage metal finishers to achieve environmental excellence.

The elements of the St. Louis SGP were developed by a group of stakeholders, including representatives of industry, the St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and EPA. Metal finishers in the SGP work to achieve specific environmental goals that include reductions in water usage, sludge generation, energy usage and emissions, and increased metals utilization. As metal finishers achieve these goals, they improve their environmental performance, realize cost savings, and are awarded certain regulatory and assistance benefits.



For more information about the St. Louis Strategic Goals Programs, contact Gene Nickel of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Environmental Assistance Office (EAO) at 1-800-361-4827 or (573) 526-6627. In St. Louis, contact Nancy Morgan at (314) 340-5900.